BANG
BANG
BANG
BANG

ACT-7-9 — HARLEQUIN'S DANCE

NEAR MISS!
WOOSH
WOOSH
OOF.
WHOOPS.

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BY THE WAY, COOL PEOPLE...
...CAN DO STUFF LIKE THIS.
...THAT PEOPLE WHO TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY ARE TOTALLY UNCOOL!!
OF COURSE! I SWEAR ON THE ICIEST WINDS OF SIBERIA...
STILL FOOLING AROUND, HARLEQUIN?!

BAM!

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AHAHAHAH, SEE, YOU ANTIQUE?! ONE SHOT WAS ENOUGH TO END IT.

TUMBLE

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CAPITAN CONTROLS THE WIND, DIAMANTINA THE FOG, BRIGHELLA THE RAIN. YOU CAN PLAY WITH IT AS YOU LIKE.

SHORT-RANGE METEOROLOGICAL CONTROL TECHNOLOGY...

I KNOW...

YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW WHAT HIT YOU, DO YOU? YOU SEE, THIS POWER THAT MASTER FACELESS GRANTED ME...

SO, MR. KNOW-IT-ALL GEEZER, CAN YOU GUESS WHAT MY BIGGEST DREAM IS?

POP

CORRECT!!

SMASH

AWW, THE TRAIN'S OUT OF SIGHT NOW.

WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?

IT'S ABOUT THE ONE THAT YOU ANTIQUES WORSHIP...

TO TELL THE TRUTH...

W...

WHAT ...?!

I FELL IN LOVE WITH DOLL FRAN-CINE!

YOU ANTIQUES DECIDED TO MIMICK THE HUMANS AND CREATED WORKS OF ART IN HER IMAGE, RIGHT?

SOMETHING MADE THE GEARS IN MY HEAD ALL SWEET AND SQUEAKY.

AS I GAZED UPON THEM...

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I GOT SO DEPRESSED... BUT THEN...

BUT MASTER FACELESS INFORMED ME THAT DOLL FRANCINE HAD LONG DEPARTED FROM THIS WORLD.

AND THEN I REALISED, "AHH, THIS MUST BE WHAT THE HUMANS CALL LOVE."

ELEONORE ...

FRANCINE WAS STILL ON THIS EARTH, AFTER ALL.

EVER SINCE THEN, I'VE BEEN DREAMING ABOUT IT JUST LIKE HUMANS DO.

AFTER ALL, SHE'S THE REINCARNATION OF DOLL FRANCINE!!

I WAS SO HAPPY.

EHEHEH... I GUESS YOU CAN CALL HER THAT, TOO.

BUT YOU SEE, FRANCINE BELONGS TO MASTER FACELESS.

I CAN'T OPPOSE HIM

...FOR THE REST OF ETERNITY.

A DREAM WHERE I JEST WITH THE CIRCUS ARTIST, SHIROGANE...

HUHUHUH, HOW ABOUT NOW?

I'D GIVEN UP, BUT...

STEP

AND FRANCINE IS INSIDE THAT TRAIN!

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I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF BLUNDER WENT ON...

BUT MASTER FACELESS IS ON THE SPACE STATION!

POINT

BECAUSE FOR WHATEVER REASON, MASTER FACELESS DOESN'T WANT HER ANYMORE!!

IT'S FINE IF I TAKE FRANCINE FOR MYSELF, RIGHT?!

SO IT'S FINE, RIGHT?

THEN, I'LL TAKE THE WOMAN WHOM YOU DEDICATED YOUR LOYALTY TO AND MAKE HER MINE.

NOW, PANTALONE, I GOTTA HURRY UP AND FINISH DESTROYING YOU.

MEANING THAT ME AND FRANCINE CAN PUT ON COMEDY SHOWS FOR THE REST OF ETERNITY.

JUST THE TWO OF US, IN A WORLD DEVOID OF HUMANS.

BLAM

HUH HUH.

....WHAT? DID I, LIKE, SAY SOMETHING FUNNY?

HUH HUH HUH.

AHN?

しIIにょん BEND

WE STUDIED COMEDIC MANNERISM, PROSODY, FUNNY WORDS.

...WE, LES QUATRE PIONEERS, HAVE ALWAYS TRIED TO MAKE LADY FRANCINE LAUGH...

I'M SAYING THAT YOU'RE TRULY WORTHY OF BEING CALLED A HARLEQUIN...

EXCUSE ME...?

HUH HUH...

THANK YOU, HARLEQUIN... YOU LET ME REALIZE THAT...

LADY FRANCINE NEVER LAUGHED THE SLIGHT-LEST...

HOW-EVER...

I, TOO, HAD NEVER TRULY LAUGHED, NOT EVEN ONCE...

NOW, I FINALLY UNDERSTAND WHY. YOU SEE...

AHAHA HAHAH HAHAH!

AHAHAHA

A COMEDY IN A WORLD WITH NO ONE ELSE LEFT TO LAUGH?!

YOU FEEL IN LOVE WITH LADY FRANCINE JUST BY LOOKING AT HER?! LOVE...? AN AUTOMATON IN LOVE?! HAHAHAHAH.

HAHAHAHA HAHAHAH!

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I'LL DESTROY YOU.

PANTA-LONE....

WOOSH

AHAHAH, THAT'S WHAT THEY CALL A GENUINE LAUGH.

CRACKLE

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CRACKLE

BLAST

SILENCE, PANTA-LONE!!

BANG

BANG

AHAHA AHAH, YOU'RE A FOOL, HARLE-QUIN!

BANG

CLANG

EVEN IF YOU APPROACH HER, THAT LADY WILL NEVER BE YOURS!

BANG

I OVERHEARD THEIR CONVER-SATION.

SCRATCH

WHY?!

PLINK

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SHE HAS ALREADY DECIDED FOR HERSELF...

TWO

WHO HER OWNER IS GOING TO BE.

...AM YOUR SHIRO-GANE.

I...

SILENCE!!

BAM

HUHAHA, SHAME FOR YOU.

FRANCINE BELONGS TO ME, I WILL MAKE HER MINE! DON'T LAUGH ABOUT IT!

SILENCE, SILENCE,

PANTA-LONE!

...IS NOT LADY FRANCINE.

THAT GIRL...

SHE'S NOT LADY FRANCINE, HARLEQUIN.

AH?

OH...? I THOUGHT YOU WEREN'T GOING TO TAKE THINGS SERIOUSLY, HARLEQUIN...

SHUT UP!!

SCRATCH

WHUMP

WOOSHH ヒョオオオオ

CRASH

CLUNK
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GACHUNK
ガタタン

AH... LOOK!

WHAT WAS THAT SOUND JUST NOW?

I KNEW SOME-THING WAS OFF!

VROOM

ROOKIE!

RHHH!
ガバッ!!

THAT'S...

DASH
DASH

AH!

SHIRO-GANE...

HOUAN-SAN, MITSUUSHI-SAN, NAOTA-SAN...

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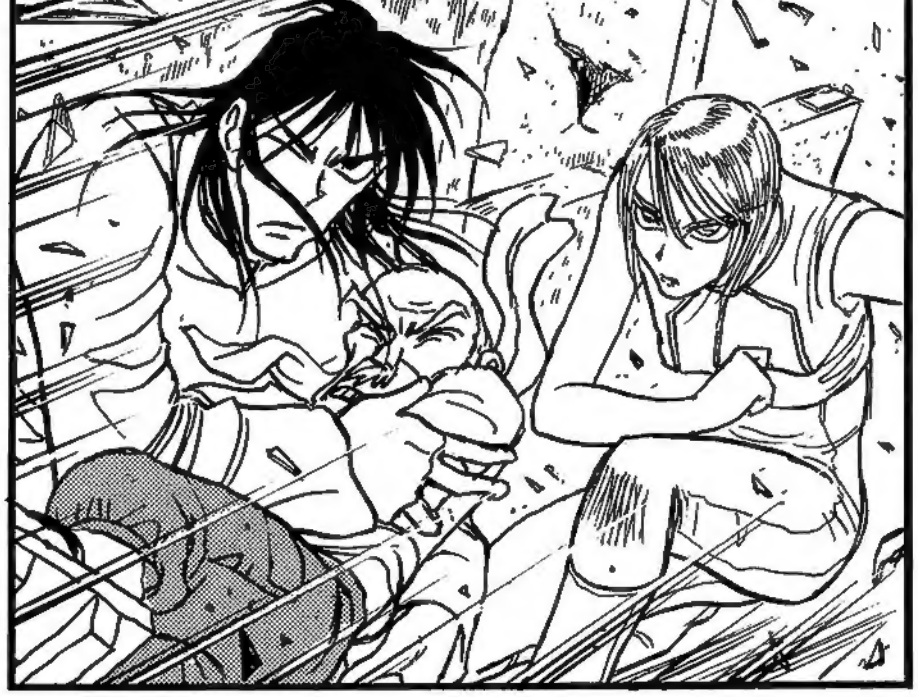
EVERY-ONE, GET DOWN!!

I'LL TELL YOU WHAT WENT ON!

WHERE'S EVERY-ONE ELSE?!

THE REAR CAR IS GONE!

KABOOM



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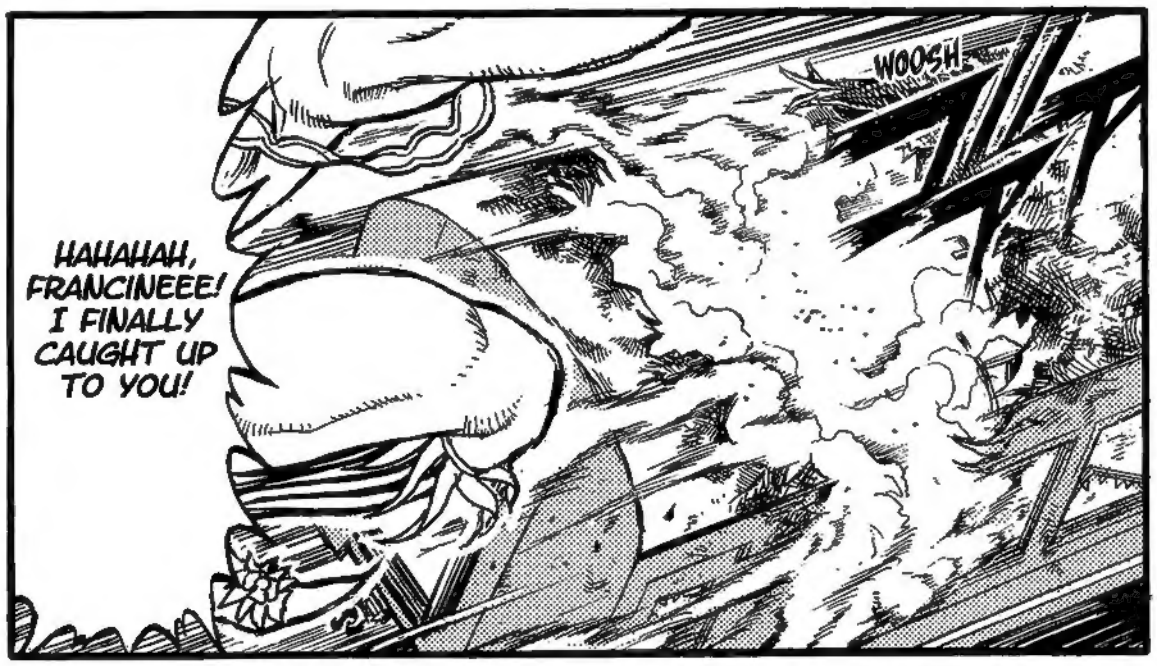
HAHAHAH, FRANCINEEE! I FINALLY CAUGHT UP TO YOU!
WOOSH

WAIT, KATOU!!
SO YOU'VE COME!
CLAK

HARLE-QUIN!

I WILL PROTECT YOU.

STAND BACK.

EITHER WAY, I'LL PROTECT YOU!

YOUR DUTY IS TO GO TO SPACE FOR THE SAKE OF ALL HUMANKIND, RIGHT?

THIS GUY'S LIKE THE BOSS OF THE AUTOMATA!! YOU SURE YOU CAN WIN?

ARE YOU KIDDING ME?!

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NAOTA...

THEY ARE HERE, THEY ARE HERE, PAPA...

I CARRIED IT ALL THE WAY HERE ON A WHIM... IF I WANT TO GIVE IT TO SHIROGANE, NOW'S THE TIME...

I WANT YOU TO DELIVER THIS TO SHIROGANE WHEN IT BECOMES ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

AH...

WHO IS IIIT?

FLASH

I-I KNOW.

WE'LL BE KILLED IF WE BETRAY THE DOLLS HERE!

N-NAOTA, YOU AREN'T HAVING STRANGE THOUGHTS NOW, ARE YOU...?

WHO'S THE ONE HAVING STRANGE THOUGHTS...?

F-FLASH JIMMY!!

DO YOU LIKE KARAKURI CIRCUS? DO YOU HAVE SCANLATION EXPERIENCE?

WE NEED YOUR HELP

WE ARE LOOKING FOR:

TYPESETTERS

AND

REDRAWERS

JOIN OUR SERVER IF YOU WANT TO HELP:
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